3. Alleppey
4. Alwaye
5. Angamaly
6. Atingal
7. Badagara
8. Baliapattam
9. Cannanore
10 Chenganur
11 Chalakudy
12. Changancherry
13. Cherpu
14. Chowghat
15. Chingavanam
16. Cranganur
17. Ernakulam
18. Guruvayur
19. Idukki
20. Irinjalkuda
21. Kalpetta
22. Kalady
23. Kottayam
24. Kothamanglam
25. Kottarkkara
26. Kozhikode
27. Kolancherry
28. Kundara
29 Kunnamkulam
30. Malappuram
31. Manjeri
32 Mavelikara
33. Movathapuzha
34. Mannar
35. Narakkal
36 Neyyattinkara
37. Olavakkot
38. Ollur
39. Palghat
40. Palai
41. Pathanamthitta
42. Payyanur
43 Perumbavoor
44. Punnalur
45 Quilon
46. Quilandy
47. Shertalai
48. Talliparamba
49. Tiruvalla
50. Tirur
51. Thodupuzha
52. Trichur
53. Trivandrum
54. Vaikom
55 Vijhinjam

Vayudoot Services in West Bengal

404. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places of West Bengal which are proposed to be linked by Vayudoot during the current and next financial year; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Vayudoot has already airlinked Cooch Behar, Malda and Belurghat in the State of West Bengal. Constraint of aircraft capacity and paucity of other resources do not permit inclusion of new stations from the State of West Bengal in the immediate expansion plans of Vayudoot

Rural Telephone Exchange in the country

405 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced that one rural telephone exchange would be set up every day to cover the rural areas;

(b) whether the said proposed programme has since been under implementation; and

(c) the names of that rural areas in the

country, where these exchanges have since been set up so far and by when the whole rural area is likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Government has recently announced that it will be adding on the average one rural electronic telephone exchange of CDOT design per day in the country.

Earlier, about 800 Strowger type rural automatic exchanges were commissioned in 1986-87, giving an average of 2.3 exchanges per day. Thus, what is proposed is to step up the opening of rural automatic exchanges to about 3 a day.

At present, Strowger Exchanges are being installed in capacities of 25, 50 and 100 lines The new CDOT RAX of electronic type has a capacity of 88 lines. It is, therefore, proposed to use it in the first instance to replace the existing Strowger exchanges with working connections between 35 to 60 lines. The existing Strowger exchanges will then be re-installed in similar stations.

The first prototype exchange of the CDOT RAX has been installed at Kittur in Karnataka. Another prototype exchange has been installed at Churhat in Madhya Pradesh.

These exchanges are generally functioning satisfactorily. But, as is to be expected, in any new designs, there have been some teething problems which are being taken care of in a coordinated effort between CDOT, ITI and DOT.

It is expected that regular production of CDOT RAXs will start flowing from April, 1988 onwards and it will be possible to instal on the average one new CDOT RAX per day during 1988-89.

New Telephone exchanges are being opened in rural areas on a subsidized basis subject to a minimum demand of 10 being registered. It has been possible to open such exchanges within about 6 to 15 months of registration of the minimum demand. With the stepping up of the rate of providing rural exchanges, it is hoped to reduce this period to between 3 to 8 months.

Local Railway Trains on Howrah-Borgachia Section

406. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the local trains in the Howrah-Borgachia section;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) the number of trains at present running on the above section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 4 pairs.

Development of Duvvada Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh

407. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board have approved the master plan to develop "DUVVADA" railway station in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Master Plan and the amount sanctioned for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Setting up of "Pension Adalats" by South Central Railways

408 SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Central Railways started "Pension Adalats" at various places;

(b) if so, what are the names of the places and the number of cases settled so far; and